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SUBJECT: MTN NEGOTIATIONS: CLARIFICATION OF NON-TARIFF
MEASURES (NTM) REPORTED BY INDUSTRY ADVISORS

1. OVER THE PAST 2 YEARS THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE JOINTLY
WITH STR HAS OPERATED A CONSULTATION PROGRAM WITH INDUSTRY
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FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING ADVICE WITH RESPECT TO U.S.

PARTICIPATION IN THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. SIMILAR CONSULTATION PROGRAMS IN THE CONCERNED AGENCIES ARE SEEKING ADVICE FROM LABOR AND AGRICULTURAL INTERESTS. THE USDOC PROGRAM CONSISTS OF OVER 500 INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES ORGANIZED INTO ONE HIGH LEVEL POLICY COMMITTEE AND 27 SPECIFIC INDUSTRY SECTOR ADVISORY COMMITTEES (ISAC). EACH ISAC PROVIDES DETAILED ADVICE AND INFORMATION REGARDING U.S. AND FOREIGN TARIFF AND NON-TARIFF MEASURES AFFECTING THE PRODUCTS WHICH IT COVERS.

2. TARIFF AND NTM INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY THE ISACS IS BEING COMPILED INTO MASTER COUNTRY DATA LISTS WHICH WHEN COMPLETED WILL BE AN IMPORTANT DATA SOURCE FOR SUPPORTING WORK OF MTN DELEGATION GENEVA.

3. IN CONSIDERING NTM SUBMISSIONS MADE BY THE ISACS WE FIND SOME REQUIRE DETAILED CLARIFICATION WHICH WE BELIEVE

ONLY THE EMBASSY CAN SUPPLY. ACCORDINGLY WE REQUEST EMBASSY REVIEW AND ANALYSIS OF THE FOLLOWING ALLEGED NTM:

ISAC REPORTS LOCAL CONTENT REQUIREMENTS FOR ROOM AIR CONDITIONERS. COMMERCE IS AWARE ONLY OF THE BAN ON IMPORTS OF BUILT-UP AIR CONDITIONERS INSTITUTED 7-15-74.

4. FOR THE MEASURE LISTED IN PARA. 3 WE WOULD APPRECIATE

RECEIVING FOLLOWING INFORMATION: (A) DOES MEASURE EXIST? (B) IF SO, BRIEF, CONCISE DESCRIPTION OF THE NTM; (C) SPECIFIC PRODUCTS AFFECTED (BY 4 DIGIT BTN NUMBER OR MORE DETAILED BREAKDOWN IF KNOWN); (D) ESTIMATED NTM IMPACT ON PARTICULAR PRODUCT AND U.S. TRADE IN GENERAL; (E) STATUTORY BASIS OF MEASURE AND ASSESSMENT OF ITS NEGOTIABILITY.

5. THIS INFORMATION IS AN ELEMENT IN THE INDUSTRY SECTOR ADVISORY COMMITTEES' INPUT ON TARIFFS AND NTMS IN SUPPORT OF USG NEGOTIATING EFFORTS IN MTN. THE ISACS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 135 OF THE TRADE ACT OF 1974 AS INSTRUMENT TO PROVIDE U.S. INDUSTRY THE MEANS TO HAVE THEIR INTERESTS KNOWN AND REPRESENTED IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GENEVA. THE DATA IN THEIR REPORTS, SUPPLEMENTED BY COMMERCE INPUT, ARE BEING AGGREGATED INTO MASTER LISTS, BY COUNTRY, TO PROVIDE GENEVA NEGOTIATORS WITH IMMEDIATE REFERENCE TO IMPORTANT U.S. TRADE INTERESTS AND THE BARRIERS IMPEDING THEM. THE PRESENT NEED FOR THIS INFORMATION IS IN THE CURRENT TROPICAL PRODUCTS EXERCISE.

6. NEXT ROUND OF ISAC MEETINGS IS SCHEDULED FOR NEAR

FUTURE AND DUE TO NEED TO UNDERTAKE EXTENSIVE DOCUMENTATION
OF CLARIFIED NTM ITEMS WOULD APPRECIATE POST RESPONSE
PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 20 BUT IF POST UNABLE TO PROVIDE BY
THAT DATE, INFORMATION WOULD BE APPRECIATED ASAP THERE-
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